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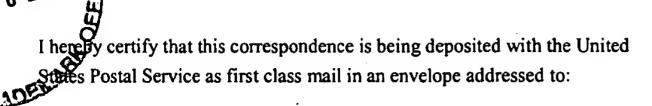
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Sir:

Applicant's undersigned attorney called Examiner McDermott, Examiner Phan's Supervisor, regarding the status of three related cases:

Application Nos. 09/783,253;

09/783,254; and

10/002,595.

In each of these cases, restriction/election of species requirements had been sent out by Examiner Phan. Attempts to reach Examiner Phan by telephone were unsuccessful, so a call was made to Examiner McDermott.

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Telephonic Interview Summary dated 11/4/2004

In 09/783,253, a second restriction requirement had been sent out after two substantive responses and an appeal brief had been filed by Applicants. Examiner McDermott indicated that she was going to discuss this case with Examiner Phan and instruct him to withdraw the restriction mailed on August 11, 2004.

In 09/783,254, a second restriction had been sent out after Applicants had filed four substantive responses to four office actions. Examiner McDermott indicated that she was going to discuss this case with Examiner Phan and instruct him to withdraw the restriction mailed on August 24, 2004.

In 10/002,595, Examiner McDermott indicated that she did not believe that the third restriction requirement mailed on August 11, 2004 was improper. Applicants reserve the right to traverse the restriction should they choose to do so.

On Tuesday, October 12, 2004, Examiner Phan phoned Applicant's attorney to discuss these cases and left voicemail message. Attempts to return the call to Examiner Phan have been unsuccessful.

Respectfully submitted,

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